

Listing of Claims:

- $$\text{R}^1(\text{Alk}^1)_r(\text{L}^1)_s-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-(\text{Alk}^2)_m-\text{C}(\text{R}^2)(\text{R})-\text{X}^1\text{R}^4$$

Alk¹ is an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ aliphatic chain or an optionally substituted C₁₋₆

Alk² is a straight or branched alkylene chain;

m is zero or an integer 1;

R² is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;

X¹ is a group selected from -N(R³)CO-, (where R³ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched alkyl group); -N(R³)SO₂-, -N(R³)C(O)O- or -N(R³)CON(R^{3a})- (where R^{3a} is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched alkyl group);

R⁴ is an optionally substituted C₁₋₆aliphatic, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkenyl, C₇₋₁₀bicycloalkyl, C₇₋₁₀tricycloalkyl, C₇₋₁₀bicycloalkenyl, or C₇₋₁₀tricycloalkenyl group;

and the salts, solvates, hydrates ~~and~~ or N-oxides thereof.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein -(Alk¹)_r(L¹)_s- is a -CH₂O- or -CON(R⁵)- group where R⁵ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched alkyl group.

6. (original) A compound according to Claim 5 wherein -(Alk¹)_r(L¹)_s- is a -CONH- group.

7. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Alk² is -CH₂-, m is an integer 1, and R² is a hydrogen atom.

8. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein X¹ is a -NHCO-, -NHSO₂-, -NHC(O)O- or -NHCONH- group.
9. (original) A compound according to Claim 8 wherein X¹ is a -NHCO- group.
10. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R⁴ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₆alkyl group or an optionally substituted C₃₋₇cycloalkyl or C₇₋₁₀tricycloalkyl group.
11. (original) A compound according to Claim 10 wherein R⁴ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₄alkyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or adamantyl group.
12. (currently amended) A compound which is:
N-Isopropaloyl-*N*-(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)-*L*-4-aminophenylalanine;
N-Cyclopropaloyl-*N*-(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)-*L*-4-aminophenylalanine;
N-Acetyl-*N'*-(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)-*L*-4-aminophenylalanine;
and the salts, solvates, hydrates ~~and~~ or N-oxides thereof.
13. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.
14. (canceled)
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16. (canceled)

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